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SUBJECT: GROC STATEMENT ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S
TRIP TO PEKING

REF: TAIPEI 7292 (EXDIS/NOTAL)

1. ALL NOVEMBER 14 LOCAL NEWSPAPERS PROMINENTLY CARRIED THE
FOLLOWING TEXT OF A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATEMENT CON-
CERNING PRESIDENT FORD'S UPCOMING TRIP TO PEKING:

2. QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS REPEATEDLY
MADE KNOWN ITS FIRM AND RESOLUTE STAND AGAINST THE DEALINGS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST
REGIME. THIS STAND IS HEREBY REITERATED IN REGARD TO THE FORTH-
COMING VISIT TO THE CHINESE MAINLAND BY PRESIDENT GERALD R.
FORD OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

3. QUOTE: THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME UNCONSTITUTIONALLY
SEIZED THE MAINLAND BY THE USE OF FORCE AND HAS SUSTAINED
ITSELF IN POWER BY TERROR AND REPRESSION. THE EVERGROWING
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TURMOIL AND UNREST IN MANY PARTS OF THE MAINLAND CLEARLY
INDICATE THE INCREASING RESISTANCE AGAINST THE CHINESE

COMMUNIST REGIME BY THE MASSES AND THE INTENSIFICATION OF A
GENERAL MOVEMENT TO OVERTHROW THE REIGN OF TYRANNY.

4. QUOTE: AS FRIEND AND ALLY, THE UNITED STATES MUST NOT
ALLOW ITSELF TO BE LURED INTO DOING ANYTHING PREJUDICIAL TO
THE INTERESTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE.
UNQUOTE.

5. COMMENT: IN COMPARISON TO THE HIGHLY POLEMIC 1971 STATEMENT
BY THEN VICE PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN CONCERNING THE NIXON VISIT
TO PEKING, THE MOFA STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT IS
CONSIDERABLY MORE MEASURED, ALMOST PRO FORMA. AND THE
ADMONITION CONTAINED IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE MOFA STATEMENT
APPEARS TO BE MORE IN THE NATURE OF FRIENDLY ADVICE TO
AN ALLY THAN ANYTHING IN THE YEN STATEMENT. ITS DIRECT BUT LOW-KEY
STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO US/PRC NEGOTIATIONS HAS A DUAL
ADIENCE: TO THE US AND INTERNATIONALLY, IT IS A REAFFIRMATION
OF LONG-HELD GROC POLICY; DOMESTICALLY, IT SIGNALS
NO CHANGE IN THE GROC'S ANTI-PEKING STANCE BUT ALSO APPEARS
TO BE DESIGNED TO COUNTER OCCASIONAL DOMESTIC CRITICISM THAT
THE GROC HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY FIRM IN EXPRESSING TO THE
US ITS CONTINUED STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS.

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